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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application No. 10/087,154 Filing Date March 1, 2002 First Named Inventor John R. Frus Group Art Unit 2821 Examiner Name H. Philogene Attorney Docket No 215972
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other:
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Form PTO-1449
  - v.  Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
  - vi.  Other:

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c.  Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are enclosed:  |        |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$740.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  | 740.00 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)   |        |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))  |        |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |        |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>   |        |
| 740.00   |        |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed  |        |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216  |        |
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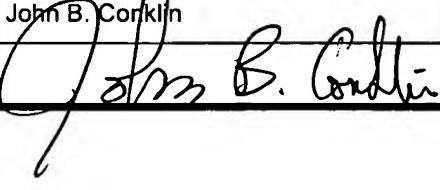
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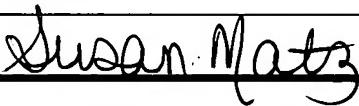
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